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**EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN** Susan Giovanniello's colleagues carry her coffin from St. Rocco Roman Catholic Church on April 6. Many of the mourners were heartbroken over the teenager's tragic death.

## Volunteer EMT is laid to rest

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The haunting and mournful sound of bagpipes could be heard outside St. Rocco Roman Catholic Church, in Glen Cove, on April 6, drawing attention to an unsettling reality — the death of teenager Susan Giovanniello, a volunteer emergency medical technician.

Hundreds of mourners, still in shock over the sudden and devastating loss, filled the church's pews to capacity. Family members, first responders and local leaders gathered, listening intently to Susan's older sister, Jessica Giovanniello, deliver her remarks.

The sisters both volunteered  
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## North Shore Hispanic Chamber celebrates women

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There's a first time for everything and when it comes to the North Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, there are a lot "firsts" to celebrate.

In January, the organization swore in their first woman president, Constanza Pinilla, and on March 22, it held its first women's history month celebration at the View Grill.

The event honored the accomplishments of Celeste Gullo, owner of Allstate Insurance in Glen Head, and Karen Katzman, principal of the Tiegerman School in Glen Cove.

The Hispanic Chamber, founded in 2020, serves and connects the Hispanic community while helping small businesses empower the economy of Hispanic businesses on Long Island's North Shore. The chamber helps the Hispanic community by providing education and resources that allow businesses to thrive.

Since its inception, the chamber bridged cultural and language barriers to businesses in need, something it couldn't have done without members like Gullo and Katzman.

The idea for the celebration started when Pinilla was organizing the chamber's general

**I'm passionate about  
 empowering children  
 and nurturing them.**

**KAREN KATZMAN**  
 Principal, Tiegerman School

meeting for March. Although the chamber's guest speakers for the monthly event are business owners, as a pioneer in her chamber, Pinilla realized that it was her duty to recognize the contributions women have made in the North Shore community. Pinilla knew Gullo and

Katzman were the perfect duo for the chamber's first event of its kind.

Gullo has been in insurance since she was 17 when she worked for an Allstate agency part-time while going to college. She dedicated her life to holding food drives and educating families on strategies to save money and prepare for their

uncertain futures.

A Glen Head-based insurance agent and mother of four, Gullo continued to grow her own business while giving back to the community throughout the Covid-19 pandemic — even after giving birth to twins. Her efforts earned her other awards like the Glen Cove Chamber of  
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# Hundreds gather to remember Susan Giovanniello

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for the city's Emergency Medical Services. Jessica always looked up to her younger sister as a source of inspiration.

"It didn't matter what I was telling her about my shift with EMS," Jessica said. "We always came to each other with questions about school, EMS, life, to rant, or when her or I had to write paragraphs to people. I had a built-in best friend."

The 19-year-old volunteer EMT died suddenly on April 3, of an unspecified medical emergency. Although the exact cause of her death is unknown, the Nassau County fire marshal determined her death was not suspicious.

Giovanniello became a member of the Glen Cove EMS Explorers when she was 16. She was dedicated to her community and being an Explorer gave her another outlet to continue to do so.

Also a beloved member of Glen Cove High School's mixed chorale, she was a mezzo-soprano and the group's secretary. An avid lover of theater, Giovanniello was also co-stage manager to Ed Norris, the high school's chorale teacher, during the production of "Les Misérables."

Norris said Giovanniello was everything and more that he could have asked for from a student leader. She would take the initiative handling tasks that others might not want to do. Norris said she never walked into any room without sharing her infectious smile.



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**STREETS SURROUNDING THE** church blocked vehicle traffic for the dozen bagpipers who escorted the ambulance carrying Giovanniello's coffin.

"She was just one of those kids that stood out above the rest, and always did the right thing," Norris said. "She led by example, she didn't have to tell you what to do. You looked at her and you knew what the right thing to do was."

District Superintendent Maria Rianza said that Giovanniello, who graduated in 2021, was a talented student. Like many others, Rianna was devastated to hear about the former student's death.

"It is with great sorrow that we received the news," Rianna said. "She had a great personality and was a young lady with a lot of potential."

Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck was attending church when she received the call about Giovanniello's emergency admittance at Glen Cove Hospital. Panzenbeck said she didn't expect the situation to be as dire as it was when she went there to comfort Giovanniello's family

and local EMS members. Panzenbeck remained at the hospital for two hours leaving when Giovanniello was in stable condition.

Ralph Comitino, a close family friend, who also works for the Glen Cove Department of Public Works, remembers Giovanniello fondly. Comitino's daughter and Giovanniello were classmates.

"I can't bear what's going on right now," Comitino said. "It's hard to digest, but it's something that doesn't go away."

Glen Cove EMS Supervisor Christopher DeMetropolis knew Giovanniello since she became a volunteer with the city. He said that Giovanniello was hoping to advance her career in healthcare, saying that she wanted eventually to become a physician.

"She always wanted to learn, she always wanted me to show her new things and how we do things the right way," DeMetropolis said. "And then she would adapt some of the things that I taught her to her best practices that she started to display."

Glen Cove Assemblyman Charles Lavine said he was shocked when he heard of the death of the 19-year-old, whom he deemed an important member of the community.

"In the little city of Glen Cove, we are either related or interrelated," Lavine said. "We stand together in moments of tragedy and grief. Sadly, this is just one of those moments."

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**APPOLONYA LANHAM, LEFT**, enjoyed hunting for eggs at Glen Cove Christian Church's adult Easter Egg Hunt. Luz Hurtado found an egg with candy and \$100 inside.

# Glen Cove Christian Church holds first egg hunt

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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**T**he Glen Cove Christian Church held its first Easter egg hunt for children, teenagers and adults on April 8. Easter eggs were filled with small treasures, like candy and dollar bills.

There were 240 participants, with some traveling from out of town all there to collect the over two thousand eggs. Although the tradition is mainly focused to help children get in the Easter spirit, the church also held an adult Easter egg hunt separate from the young children for adults to enjoy.

Avid candy lovers like Appolonya Lanham, 19, who collected 95 eggs, said she was excited to be included in the festivities. "I always love any form of competition," Lanham said. "And plus, this involves getting candy."

With the beginning of the celebration of the Easter Vigil, the 40-day period of Lent came to an end in the morning on Easter Sunday, which this year fell on April 9. On Easter Sunday, Christians celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the victory of life over death. Easter Sunday always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring. According to the Gregorian calendar, this is March 22 at the earliest and April 25 at the latest. Christians observed the day of the



**THE YOUTH GROUP** eagerly waited for their turn to collect the brightly colored Easter eggs, which were filled with candy and money.

Crucifixion on the same day that Jews celebrated the Passover offering on the 14th day of the first full moon of spring,

Rabbits are a common symbol in American Easter celebrations because they stand for fertility and life. Rabbits have come to symbolize the resurrection as the central Easter event. In Byzantine animal symbolism, the hare is also a symbol of Jesus Christ. Christianity later adopted this ancient symbolism and gave it a special meaning: The chick that fresh-

ly hatches from the egg reminds us of the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday.

Pastor Tommy Lanham came to Glen Cove in August 2019 from Kentucky to lead the Glen Cove Christian Church.

"Most people have never heard of an adult Easter egg hunt, but it's something my wife and I have done at churches in the past," Lanham said. "We've had a great response here. I just think it's great to have opportunities to get the community together."



**BRIELLA ROBINSON CELEBRATED** finding the prize egg at Glen Cove Christian Church's first ever Easter egg hunt.

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## Polypharmacy in Older Adults

According to the National Institute on Aging (NIA) polypharmacy is the use of multiple drugs to treat diseases and other health conditions. Polypharmacy is common in older adults, many of whom have two or more chronic conditions, and about a third of whom take five or more prescription drugs. Often, these different powerful drugs have been prescribed by different doctors. Some drugs mask or neutralize others, some are dangerously incompatible with others and some may worsen conditions that naturally occur in the aging population -- such as loss of appetite, less efficient digestive systems and increased cardiovascular risk.

Inappropriate polypharmacy -- the use of excessive or unnecessary medications -- increases the risk of adverse drug effects, including falls and cognitive impairment. Harmful drug interactions and drug-disease interactions may also occur, where a medication prescribed to treat one condition worsens or creates a new one.

Enter the new field of "deprescribing". The NIA is developing a network of scientists to

advance the field of deprescribing to improve the quality of care and health outcomes for older adults. According to Parag Goyal, MD, "despite its role as an integral part of patient-centric and goal-concordant prescribing practice, deprescribing is not frequently incorporated into routine clinical practice".

In seeking to view medications in a way that is more patient-centered and less disease-oriented and guideline-driven, the NIA advises talking to your doctors about deprescribing if you feel a drug is not working or is causing harmful side effects. Make sure to bring a list of all medications you are currently taking, prescription and over-the-counter. Ask if there are any that may not be necessary.

For the American Geriatrics Society's (AGS) list of medications that older people should avoid or use with caution, google "Beers List". The Beers List is recommended for assessing your medications, however AGS advises not to stop taking any medication without talking to your doctor first.

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## Cameron Engineering merges with IMEG

In what is expected to bring together decades of experience and passion, one of New York's leading consulting planning and engineering firms — Cameron Engineering — is merging with IMEG Corp. It brings Cameron into one of the nation's largest engineering firms, allowing the Woodbury-based company a chance to bring its strong client base and presence in the greater New York region to IMEG's 75 U.S. office locations spanning from Boston to California.

"This comes after 38 years of being totally independent," said John Cameron, the company's founder. The merger "positions us for growth for the future, and provides sustainability and a future for my succeeding leadership and all my people here."

Cameron Engineering started off with a part-time secretary before growing over the next three decades to more than 100 people with not only headquarters on Long Island, but a major presence in Manhattan as well.

"It provides some security for everybody, and also enables me to sort of elevate the next tier of leadership and let them take more responsibilities," said Cameron, who grew up in Long Beach but

resides in Rockville Centre.

"I really have a great staff here, and empower them to show a little more of what they could do."

Cameron will continue to manage the firm with Joe Amato, leading a team that includes experienced engineering professionals like Nick Kumbatovic, Mike Hults and Rich Zapolski.

"The company we're merging with is 100 percent employee-owned," Cameron added. "So, it also gives all my people an opportunity to own stock, and many of them are interested in that. In fact, in the first week that we've merged, over 30 people have already signed on to purchase stock. So, it's very exciting for me and for my people, too, and we're all really looking forward to it."

That enthusiasm goes both ways.

"We are excited to continue our east coast expansion and add Cameron Engineering & Associates to our team," said Paul VanDuynne, IMEG's president and chief executive, in a release. "Their full-service capabilities and market sector expertise align perfectly with IMEG, allowing us to serve more clients as a New York corporation."

—Brendan Carpenter



John Cameron

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### Culinary Delights at the Mansion

Savor samplings of the North Shore's finest restaurants at the annual Culinary Delights event with the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce. A portion of the proceeds from this event will be donated to Nosh Delivers Inc., which serves food within our communities to those in need.

The event will take place on April 24 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Glen Cove Mansion, 200 Dorsis Lane. Purchase tickets through: [www.glencovechamber.org/culinary](http://www.glencovechamber.org/culinary)

For further information, call the chamber's office at (516) 676-6666 or email [info@glencovechamber.org](mailto:info@glencovechamber.org).

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Take a tour of the mansion at Glen Cove and then stop for tea and coffee. Learn about the beginnings of its history with noted architect Charles Adams Platt, who designed the Mansion at Glen Cove in 1910. The 55-acre estate was the home of John Teele and Ruth Baker Pratt. John Pratt was an attorney and an executive with John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil Company. The Mansion is now one of the oldest hotels on Long Island.

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# NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

## Maxwell Goldpin turns 100

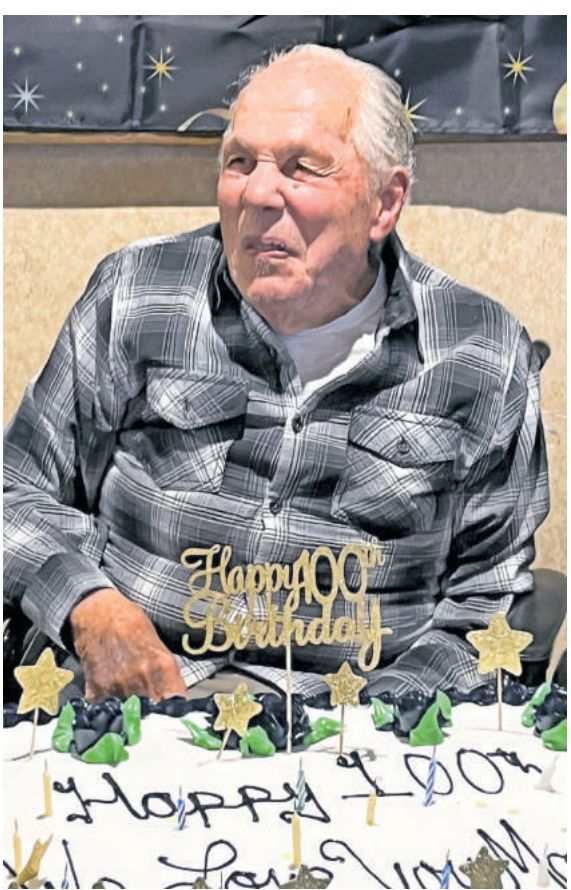
The Regency celebrated Maxwell Goldpin's 100th birthday by creating a "This is Your Life" segment. They utilized a three-page social history that his daughter Ronnie wrote upon Goldpin's admission to the Regency to find what meant the most to him: love of his country, football, faith, tennis, work and family.

Edith Gold, the Regency's other centenarian, who is turning 101 years old in October, welcomed Goldpin to the "Club." And NBC's Today Show added his picture to the famous Smucker's jar. One hundred cards were given to Max from his fellow residents to help wish him a happy birthday as well.

The afternoon ended with a cake from St. Rocco's Bakery and

Goldpin singing to everyone, "I did it my way!"

**MAXWELL GOLDPIN CELEBRATED** his 100th birthday in style at the Regency.



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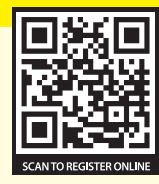
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**CHILDREN WERE ABLE** to meet the Easter bunny at the Kennedy Heights housing complex.

## Celebrating Easter big time

The Glen Cove Economic Opportunity Coalition held an exciting egg hunt on April 8. Glen Cove City High School principal Allen Hudson joined in the search with children as they hunted for small treasures through-

out the Kennedy Heights housing complex. Children were treated to fun games, music, food and prizes while they met the Easter bunny. Seven hundred people joined in at the fun-filled day.

# Adult Day Program members' art featured in a museum

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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When most people think of dementia patients, they envision someone who is suffering from the loss of their memory, mind and identity, and behaves unpredictably. The stereotype implies that patients with the disease don't have a voice and can't express themselves anymore. But members of the Glen Cove Senior Center Adult Day Program had the unique opportunity to show off their creative sides and the works were so good they were chosen to have their art displayed in an exhibition at the Long Island Museum from March 2 to March 26.

Every year, the museum has an exhibition titled "Through Our Eyes," where they choose a different organization to display art forms that represents an extension of their "In the Moment" program, an umbrella of arts engagement opportunities for those in the memory care community. The artworks from 50 seniors in this gallery reflected the creative expression that is nourished by the person-centered care and support that individuals find at the Glen Cove Adult Day Program.

"Everyone had a great time bringing their family members to view the curated art pieces," said Amanda Freeman, program director of the Adult Day Program. "The families and the participants were just so proud and thrilled that they were given this acknowledgement for their accomplishment."

The program is a specialized social-model day program on the lower level of the senior center, which tailors to the needs of elderly community members with various physical or memory impairments like, dementia, Alzheimer's disease, cognitive declines, or other frailties.

One member of the program, Margaret Garay, is an outgoing retired kindergarten teacher of 30 years, and is an advocate of imaginative play, a creative outlet where children role-play experiences of interest, such as playing "school" with their toys. As a former educator, Garay knows that creative outlets helped her students learn, support emotional development, and help develop their problem-solving skills. The 79-year-old still enjoys creative outlets, but this time as a featured artist.

Creating art is beneficial for people living with dementia since it engages attention and may improve symptoms such as anxiety. Art can allow people with dementia an outlet that they may not otherwise have, like if there are speech or language problems. Since dementia robs people of their memories, Amy Soloman, Garay's daughter, said she was amazed by her mother's drawings of pets from decades ago.

"I just thought it was sweet because we used to have rabbits when we were growing up as pets," Soloman said. "And so, it was just it was very touching to see that she had made a picture of that."

Senior centers will become vital to the day-to-day lives of the aging population, as well as the art therapies. In Nassau, the 65-to-69-age group rose from 80,398 in 2020 to 81,776 in 2021. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the number of U.S. residents 65 years and older will increase by 105.2 percent by 2060. Residents 50 and older account for nearly a 75 percent increase in the growth of population in Nassau County.

Dementia is currently the seventh leading cause of death and one of the major causes of disability and dependency among older people globally. According to Alzheimer's Disease International, someone in the world develops dementia every 3 seconds, and there were over 55 million people worldwide living with dementia in 2020. This number will almost double every 20 years.

Jennifer Poncet, daughter of Adult Day participant Mary Keogan, said that her mother's mood was lifted by the exhibition and her experience creating art. She was touched by seeing her mother's creativity and ability, Poncet said. Keogan, who spent her life caring for her husband and six children, was diagnosed with vascular dementia. Keogan said that she was proud of the dreamcatcher she weaved for the exhibition.

Freeman said she would keep the art in the center's art exhibition area after their release from the museum. She hopes to eventually display art locally at Glen Cove businesses. Freeman also plans to continue collaborations with other museums on Long Island because it means so much to the members of the Adult Day Program.



Courtesy Amy Garay Solomon

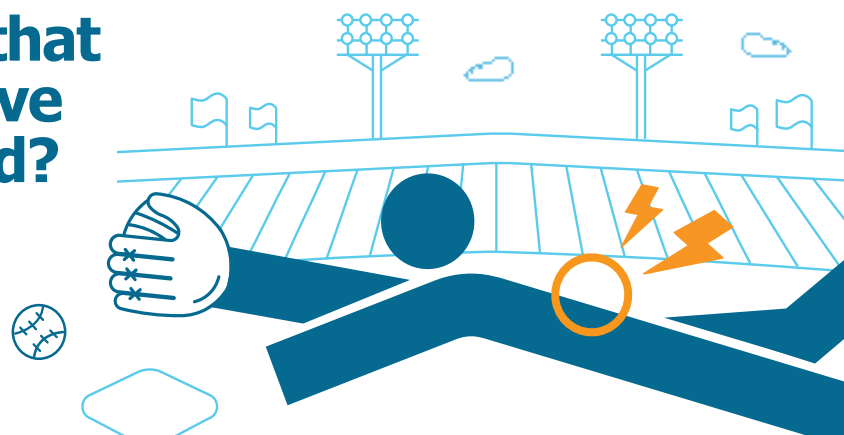


**AMY GARAY SOLOMON**, above right, brought her mother Margaret Garay to the museum to see her artwork on display. Garay, who was diagnosed with dementia, painted a picture of a rabbit, a pet her children once took care of.

**MARY KEOGAN**, LEFT, found her dreamcatcher included in the exhibition.

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**JACK AND AMELIA** Beavers, left, Antonia Iona, Ava Buchholtz, Sophia Ross, Alyssa Kim and Avery Kim showed off their colorful Easter finds from the egg hunt at Morgan Park.

## Egg-citing Easter finds at the city's Morgan Park

**T**he 22nd annual spring egg hunt at Morgan Park was an exciting time for children from 3 to 10 years old. Around 12,000 colorful eggs, with delicious treats and prizes, were hidden around the park for children to find.

After their search, children got a special treat. The

Easter bunny stopped by to meet and greet children and take some photos with them too.

The city offers the hunt each year to allow for families to enjoy a pre-Easter experience. And each year more and more people come to what has grown into a city mainstay.



**CHILDREN EAGERLY WAITED** to collect their Easter eggs with friends and family before the event kicked off.



**AZARIAH AND NYLAH** Ladeira, above, teamed up to find eggs and enjoyed the candy they found afterwards.



**THREE-YEAR-OLD KALI TAYLOR**, left, spent her morning exploring Morgan Park for treats left by the Easter bunny.



# Chamber celebrates women dedicated to helping

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Commerce 2021 Businessperson of the Year.

Although Pinilla and Gullo have known each other through community events, Pinilla said she was touched by Gullo's assistance to a family facing severe hardships as recent immigrants. When Gullo heard about these hardships, she spent her own money buying food and diapers for the twin toddlers. When Gullo approached Pinilla asking about potential grants to help with the family's cost of living, Pinilla said she felt proud to know a compassionate woman and strong business leader.

"She is an example of a role model for many women to follow," Pinilla said. "She always wants to help, it's just who she is."

As a graduate of Queens College who studied speech language pathology, Katzman dedicated more than 30 years as an educator, and 14 years as principal of Tiegerman schools in Glen Cove. The Tiegerman School opened its doors in 1985 to support the needs of children with language disorders.

Now, with the help of educators like Katzman, the organization has grown substantially and serves more than 500 children in four school locations, one of which is in Glen Cove.

In 2012, Tiegerman Community Services was established expanding the agency's scope to assist 135 adults with developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorders to lead them to productive and successful lives. Instructors like Katzman help students develop intellectually and emotionally.

"I'm passionate about empowering children and nurturing them," Katzman said. "I have very high expectations of our school. It's a school for children where we know the world might not be so kind to them."

Pinilla was touched by Katzman's work with His-



Roksana Amid/Herald

**CELESTE GULLO, FAR** left, Constanza Pinilla and Karen Katzman celebrated the North Shore Hispanic Chamber's first women's history month. As the chamber's first woman president, Pinilla knew she had to honor Gullo and Katzman.

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panic students at Tiegerman schools. In 2022, Katzman reached out to Pinilla asking for help to make Hispanic students feel more welcome in the Glen Cove community, realizing that there were few opportunities for students like hers to engage in their heritages outside their homes.

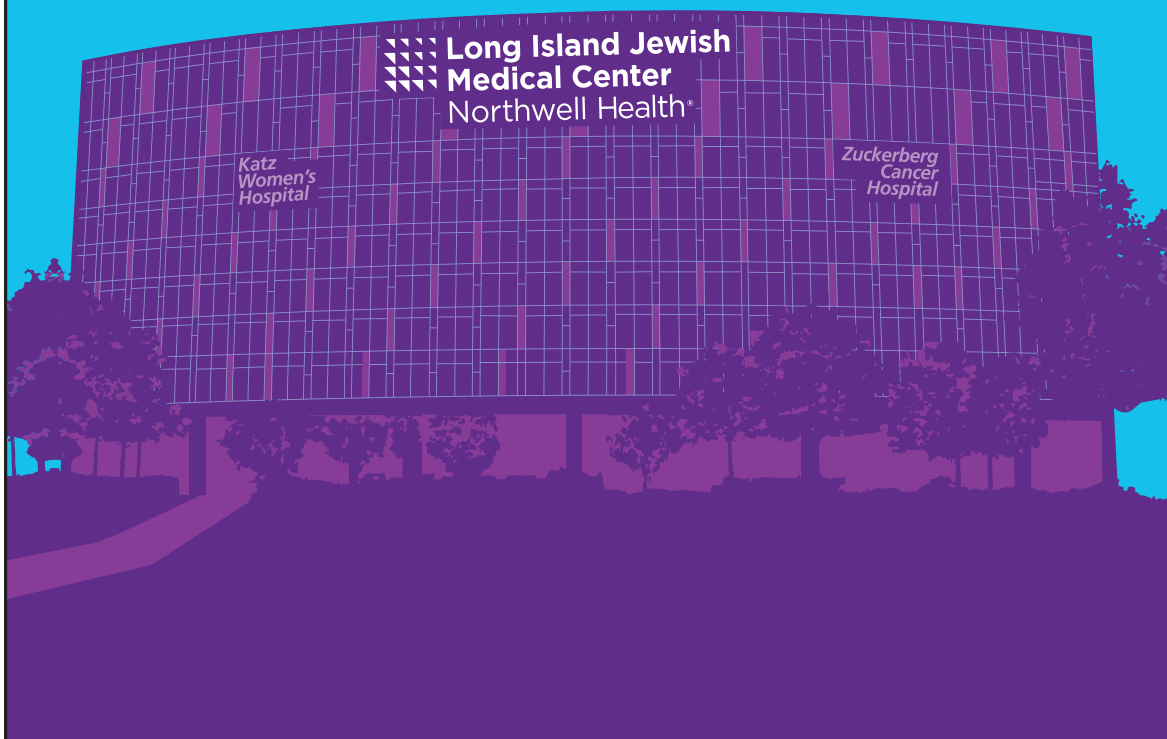
Pinilla reached out to Hispanic artists, dancers, and singers to create a cultural event, the first of its kind, at the school's auditorium. When Katzman expressed her financial concerns about the event, Pinilla said she would assist with the finances.

"I thought that her acts were very kind and caring and right," Pinilla said. "It takes a special person to do what she does."

When Katzman reflected on her academic and emotional journey that led her to Tiegerman, she offered this advice.

"Werther, you have an education, or you don't have an education, whether you're a mother or you just want to be who you want to be, I admire all women," Katzman said. "Never stop opening your heart and your mind to all possibilities."

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## George Santos update

# Rep. Santos opposes Donald Trump's indictment

By ANA BORRUTO  
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The New York Young Republicans Club organized a rally at Collect Pond Park on April 4 in support of former President Donald Trump, who sat across the street, in a Manhattan criminal courtroom, and pleaded not guilty to 34 counts of filing false business records.

Amid a small sea of "Make America Great Again" hats and "Trump 2024" flags were U.S. Representatives Marjorie Taylor Greene and George Santos — prominent Trump loyalists who have openly voted for and endorsed the former president.

"I stood by Trump from the moment he came down the escalator," Santos said on Twitter. "I voted for him in the primary and twice for president in the general elections. Today I showed up, because that's what real supporters do, they show up for your best and your worse days."

Santos and Greene reportedly made quick exits after briefly appearing at the rally. Santos blamed the media for making it "unbearable" for him to stay. He was approached by "Daily Show" correspondent Jordan Klepper, who, in a video segment, jokingly said, "If anybody can get Donald Trump off today, it's America's lead defense attorney, George Santos."

As Santos was swarmed by reporters, Klepper poked fun at the New York fabulist by asking him about his "volleyball career" and if Santos could talk

about his "law degrees."

The New York Young Republicans Club, a city-based organization for those ages 18 to 40, is known for its staunch support of Trump. It made national news when it held a gala in December 2020, at the height of the coronavirus pandemic, before vaccines were widely available, at which masks and social distancing were not encouraged.

Santos was an honoree at the organization's December 2022 gala, at which its president, Gavin Wax, told other Republicans and white nationalists in the room to brace for "total war" on the political left. Vish Burra, Santos' director of operations, is the club's vice president.

On Twitter, Santos made a Politico photo of him at the rally, surrounded by reporters and photographers, his account banner image. "Trump 2024" is also listed in his Twitter bio. He previously tweeted that he believed that every Republican in Nassau County should be calling on the Nassau GOP to "stop interfering in the presidential primary."


Santos currently faces federal investigations by the House Ethics Committee, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York, and the Nassau County district attorney.


"Weaponizing the justice system to target a political rival is a clear danger to our country and democracy," Santos said on Twitter, before the rally. "If they can do this to President Trump, imagine what they will do to us."



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**U.S. REP. GEORGE** Santos is not wavering when it comes to supporting former President Donald Trump's re-election bid.





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# STEPPING OUT

## ROCK ON with the kids

### Preschool fave Laurie Berkner goes solo

By Karen Bloom



he remains at the top of the children's entertainment scene. Acclaimed as the "The Adele of the preschool crowd" or the "Queen of kindie rock," Laurie Berkner is an industry unto herself. The first recording artist to perform in music videos on Nick Jr., her original songs, music videos, books, and three original off-Broadway musicals have made her ubiquitous in American households.

And her outpouring of music continued throughout the pandemic. Berkner was a source of stability and much needed entertainment — in her comforting way — for her young audience through virtual concerts. Daily during the first months of pandemic lockdown — then monthly, which still continue — Berkner reached families struggling to cope in a world turned upside down.

"I didn't know what to expect," she says. "Families started watching. So many kids were not in school and not getting music time. It was very intimate and a way to get us through the pandemic. The comments I received were so special. Families would tell me: 'We see you in our homes, now we want to see you in person.'"

That moment has arrived again — to the delight both Berkner and her fans. She performs a solo concert — only her second show post-pandemic on Long Island — at The Space in Westbury on April 30.

Billed as a "Greatest Hits" concert, it celebrates the 25th anniversary of the release of her second album "Buzz Buzz."

"Many of my fans are disabled and immuno-compromised," she adds. "So it took a while to be able to get back to doing live shows safely. It feels so good to be moving around again in-person."

That's a Laurie Berkner concert. She wants her young fans in the groove with her throughout the duration of the show's 75 minutes. "I squeeze every ounce of energy I can out of these kids," she says.

She'll perform all the beloved tunes like "Bumblebee (Buzz Buzz)" and "Pig On Her Head," along with such well-loved hits as "Victor Vito," "We Are the Dinosaurs," "Rocketship Run," and "The Goldfish (Let's Go Swimming)." And more recent fan favorites including "Superhero," "Waiting for the Elevator," and "Chipmunk at the Gas Pump."

From the get-go, her audience is fully in sync. "I draw everyone in — running, dancing, jumping. Almost every song choice has something the kids can do movement-wise. They can jump, spin, blast off. This is definitely not a 'sit down and watch me' show."

Berkner, based in New York City with her band, is acclaimed as the star of children's music and the power behind the progressive "kindie rock" movement — less saccharine, more rocking music that is not dumbed down for children. What sets her apart? Her music speaks to kids without talking down to them, charming youngsters without boring grown-ups.

But it wasn't simply talent that helped create an entire genre and skyrocketed Berkner to the top of the kids' music scene. It was an ability to gain parents' enthusiasm for the songs as well.

"When I'm writing a song, I'm thinking about whether the kids will

like it and whether I'm going to connect to them through it," Berkner said. "I'm also thinking about whether I want to sing it over and over again, so I guess that's the part that connects with adults. I guess I'm channeling my inner child."

The former preschool music teacher by day and indie rocker by night, Berkner started selling music out of her living room on her own label, Two Tomatoes Records.

Now, the veritable dynamo is seemingly

everywhere. In addition to her 15 bestselling, award-winning albums, her off-Broadway musicals, Berkner helped develop the short-form animated musical preschool series "Sing It, Laurie!" on Sprout TV. She has created two Laurie Berkner's Song and Story Kitchen series with Audible Studios, who released them as 10-chapter audio books through the Audible Originals brand. And, of course, they'll be more to come.

"These projects are all great fun to work on," she says.

But the best part of it all, she says, is the ongoing connection with families. "I'm creating a memory that will stay with them and become part of their life. I have new parents who heard my songs when they were little and now bring their kids to see me. That feels really special."

Finally, Berkner reminds her fans (who really don't need a reminder): "Don't forget bring your dancing shoes and an animal for your head!"

Photos courtesy Jayme Thornton and Todd Owyung



### Wish You Were Here

Go over the moon with Wish You Were Here's celebration of 50 years of the ground-breaking musical masterpiece 'The Dark Side of the Moon.' With the iconic album as its anchor, the 10-piece band, known as 'The Sight and Sound of Pink Floyd,' continues its 28-year tradition as a leading Pink Floyd tribute act, combining sight and sound to capture the mood, emotions and intensity of the Floydian theatrical concert experience. The show's unique setlist includes Floyd classics and obscurities of all eras — from 'Syd' to 'The Division Bell.' The entire Pink Floyd canon is represented, including classic favorites from 'Wish You Were Here,' 'Animals' and 'The Wall,' along with show-stopping deep tracks for the true Floyd fanatics. The spectacular multi-media stage production adds to the experience, with moving lights and lasers, vintage videos, flying inflatables, sound effects, wall bricks, and more.

Saturday, April 15, 8 p.m. \$66, \$46, \$36. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post campus, 720 Northern Boulevard, Brookville. Tickets available at TillesCenter.org, or (516) 299-3100.



### Isaac Mizrahi

His talent goes way beyond fashion. Adelphi University welcomes the famed designer and 'Project Runway All-Stars' judge Isaac Mizrahi to the stage. Fresh off his Broadway debut in 'Chicago' and his sold-out annual two-week residency at the legendary Cafe Carlyle, Mizrahi shares stories and songs from his 30-plus years in the entertainment industry, accompanied by his jazz band, led by Ben Waltzer. Mizrahi sings a range of tunes from the Great American Songbook classics to contemporary standards. Expect him to offer his hilarious musings on everything of the moment from politics to dieting to his latest Instagram obsessions.

Saturday, April 22, 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$60, with discounts available to seniors, students, alumni and employees. Adelphi University Performing Arts Center Adelphi University Performing Arts Center, 1 South Ave., Garden City. (516) 877-4000 or Adelphi.edu/pac.

# THE SCENE

April 22

## Englishtown Project

Englishtown Project visits the Landmark stage with their tribute to rock history, Saturday, **April 22**, 8 p.m. This all-star jam band — featuring members of New Riders of the Purple Sage, Zen Tricksters, and Max Creek — recreates the legendary 1977 concert in Englishtown, N.J., headlined by the Grateful Dead, the Dead family's New Riders of the Purple Sage and the good-time, southern rock Marshall Tucker Band. This extravaganza includes "healthy doses" of selections from each band's sets that day with a relaxed, festival-style program. \$35, \$30. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. (516) 767-6444 or LandmarkOnMainStreet.org.



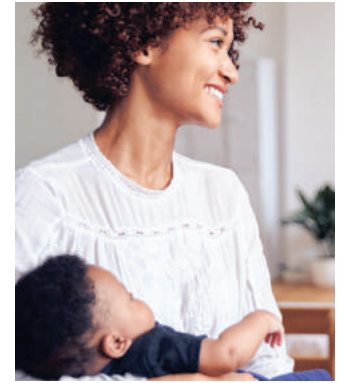
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## On exhibit

Nassau County Museum of Art's new exhibition, "Eye And Mind: The Shin Collection," highlights the extraordinary collection masterworks assembled by 31-year-old connoisseur Hong Gyu Shin, an internationally recognized figure in the global art world. He shares his treasures, including works by Whistler, Lautrec, Boucher, Daumier, Delacroix, Klimt, Schiele, Balthus, Warhol, de Kooning, Gorky and many other important names from art history provocatively juxtaposed with the painting and sculpture of our own time from both Asia and the West. On view **through July 9**. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. (516) 484-9337 or NassauMuseum.org.

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## In concert

North Shore Community Chorus and the Nolleaster Symphony Orchestra perform Mozart's Requiem, Saturday, **April 15**, at 8 p.m., at North Shore High School Auditorium. The Requiem, Mozart's final work, is a monumental choral masterpiece which was only completed after his death. 450 Glen Cove Ave., in Glen Head. For more information, contact director Stephen Goldstein at (631) 470-6128.

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## Firefighter Recruitment Drive

Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department holds its annual recruitment, Sunday, **April 16**, noon-3 p.m. Contact (516) 676-0366 for information.

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## 'The Wizard of Oz'

Journey down that Yellow Brick Road when the beloved story springs to life, presented Plaza Theatrical Productions, Friday and Saturday, **April 14-15**, 11 a.m.; Sunday, April 16, 12 p.m. All the ingredients that have made this story a perennial favorite are here. Share Dorothy's epic adventure with the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion as they make their way to Oz not knowing what awaits them. Tickets \$15. Visit the Plaza stage at The Showplace at Bellmore Movies, 222 Pettit Ave., Bellmore. For information/tickets, go to [PlazaTheatrical.com](http://PlazaTheatrical.com) or call (516) 599-6870.

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## Woman's Club of Glen Cove

The Woman's Club of Glen Cove hosts its monthly luncheon, Tuesday, **April 18**, 11:30 a.m. The luncheon is at the View Grill, 111 Lattingtown Road, Glen Cove. Food items will be collected for a selected food pantry in Glen Cove. For further information call or text Yvette Menezes at (516) 673-1061.

## Exhibit at Planting Fields Arboretum

Visit Planting Fields Arboretum for an exhibition guided tour, Saturday, **April 15**. Tours run hourly, 10:30 a.m. through 2:30 p.m. The exhibit, "Decisive Moments at Planting Fields: The Photography of Mattie Edwards Hewitt and Frances Benjamin Johnston," highlights the work of these trailblazing female photographers, whom W.R. Coe engaged to document the Planting Fields' Olmsted-designed gardens, buildings and interiors in the 1920s, at 1395 Planting Fields Road. Oyster Bay. For more information, contact Katie Walsh at [kwalsh@plantingfields.org](mailto:kwalsh@plantingfields.org) or (516) 922-8680.

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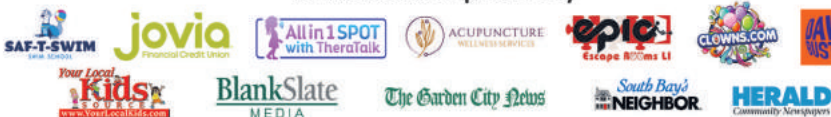
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# Summit takes new look at teen mental health

By JORDAN VALLONE

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Teachers, school administrators, social workers and mental health advocates agree that, more than ever, teens need outreach and support when they battle negative thoughts and actions.

At the Nassau County Youth Wellness Summit — hosted by the New Jersey-based Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide — Long Island teens and school staffers received just that: crucial skills to help get through their toughest days.

Hosted once again by Brookside School inside the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, students and school leaders attended keynote presentations, panels, workshops, and even walked through a resource fair intended to connect them to mental health services.

The event was first brought to Nassau County by Bellmore's Stacy Brief, a licensed social worker who attended Wellington C. Mepham High School in Bellmore, and currently works at Sanford H. Calhoun High School in Merrick.

Brief went through her own difficult times in high school, struggling with anxiety and depression. Brief was eventually connected to the teen suicide society, and later would find herself volunteering and working with the organization.

Wellness summits had become a regular success in New Jersey, and Brief realized that same success could be brought to Long Island as well. She approached Mike Harrington, superintendent of Bellmore-Merrick's schools, and asked if the district would be interested in helping her idea become a reality.

"Stacy was one of my standouts at Mepham," Harrington said. "A tremendous, tremendous young lady. After graduating, I knew right away that she wanted to get into mental health and pursue a social work career."

All for the idea, Harrington established a planning committee to create the summit, which kicked off for the first time in 2019, attracting students and professionals from 20 school districts. Last month's summit attracted more than 30 schools from Nassau and Suffolk counties, including the first Catholic institution: Chaminade High School.

"Every year we try to feature a new coping skill workshop, just to be introducing the teenagers to new concepts, as far as what they can do to cope with stress," Brief said. "Last year we did Movement Genius, and this year the students (did) a Tibetan singing bowl sound healing workshop."

"I think it's something very different. They don't often have access to something like sound healing."

The keynote presentation was given by "Lead U," a "high-energy, interactive assembly," according to Brief. Created by a group of teaching artists, their presentations engage, educate and empower students of all ages to find leaders within themselves through interactive play and games.

Dawn Doherty, the teen suicide society executive director, described a correlation between mental health struggles and the



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**J.D. WILSON, FOUNDER** of 'Lead U,' shepherded an energetic presentation at the Nassau County Youth Wellness Summit that incorporated students and the professionals who work with them.



**SOPHIA BENNO AND** Addison Soffer of John F. Kennedy High School in Bellmore had a blast watching the keynote presentation, 'Lead U,' at the Nassau County Youth Wellness Summit.



**STACY BRIEF, A** social worker who brought the Nassau County Youth Wellness Summit to the local community, joined Dawn Doherty — executive director of the Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide — to host the summit.

coronavirus pandemic. Social media, she added, also plays a huge role in how teens view themselves.

"There can be very positive aspects of it," Doherty said. "But then, unfortunately, much of it can be negative, with the cyber-bullying and even just the comparison of yourself with everyone else."

A point of emphasis, Doherty said, is the concept that your friends and others your age are often going through the same thing.

"If you're struggling, that's OK, because there are others who are struggling or have struggled," she said. "We really use the day to enhance coping skills and strategies, and certainly educate on the resources available."

The commitment to wellness doesn't end with the summit. For example, the teen suicide society will again host a panel for parents later this year, teaching them to recognize the signs of mental health struggles and how to connect their kids to the appropriate services.

Brief also started another program on

Long Island last September called the Youth Council, open to high school students.

"I'll be running monthly meetings where they're going to develop more skills, insight, education and awareness on everything to do with mental health and suicide prevention," she said. "That'll be year-round, to develop leaders so they can take (what they learn) back to their communities and develop more structural change."

Applications for the Youth Council opened immediately after the summit. For more information, visit [SPTSUSA.org/NassauSummit](https://SPTSUSA.org/NassauSummit).

Brief has come a long way from struggling with issues as a teenager, and now working to help others finding themselves in a similar predicament.

"We are just so proud of her for everything she's accomplished personally and professionally," Doherty said. "But really, (I'm) just in awe of the success that she and the committee have really had with expanding the reach of this event."



**CALHOUN HIGH SCHOOL** sophomore Nicholas Senese watched the keynote presentation, 'Lead U,' at the Nassau County Youth Wellness Summit.

# More pot licenses coming, but not so much here

By **BRENDAN CARPENTER**

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There are nearly two-dozen more conditional cannabis dispensary licenses on their way to Long Island. But thanks to local pushback in a number of Nassau County communities, chances are very low one will pop up near you.

The state released the licenses as part of a broader effort that could lead to 100 more legal dispensaries across the state. For Nassau and Suffolk counties, the 23 planned licenses join the 13 already here.

The conditional licensees are only allowed to sell directly to a consumer.

Albany officials haven't shared exactly where these dispensaries will end up, but at least one of the licenses was awarded to a Bay Shore husband and wife, according to Newsday. Where else they can end up is actually a small list. Right now, only five Nassau villages allow dispensaries: Oyster Bay Cove, Kings Point, Mill Neck, Plandome and Saddle Rock.

In Suffolk, communities permitting recreational marijuana dispensaries include Brookhaven, Babylon and Riverhead.

Long Beach, for example, has not approved a dispensary, although it has held a public hearing on the matter — a contentious issue in the city. Glen Cove and Oyster Bay, Valley Stream, Lynbrook and Freeport have opted out, among most other municipalities. Any of them are allowed to opt-in at any time, but once they do, "there is no going back," said Phillip Rumsey, manager of inter-governmental affairs for the state's cannabis management office.

The other conditional adult-use retail dispensary licenses include four for western New York, one for the central region, three for Brooklyn, and five for the Mid-



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**THE STATE'S CANNABIS** control board recently approved nearly 100 more conditional cannabis dispensary licenses, with 23 coming to Long Island. But don't expect too many to pop up in your neighborhood — if any.

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There are now 165 approved licenses across the state, although many municipalities — like New York City — are filled with hundreds of unlicensed establishments, meeting very little resistance from law enforcement officials.

As of now, the cannabis board has granted at least one license in each region, except for the Finger Lakes.

The conditional licenses are issued as part of the Seeding Opportunity Initiative introduced by Gov. Kathy Hochul last year. Through the initiative, business owners that were impacted by old drug laws will benefit first. Those convicted or related to someone convicted of a marijuana-related offense — or nonprofit organizations who support people imprisoned for such offences — are able to get the licenses ahead of others.

Tremaine Wright, chair of the Cannabis Control Board, said the new licenses "will allow entrepreneurs to fairly participate in the legal market while promoting innovation and creative diversity throughout New York's ever-growing cannabis supply chain."

New York lawmakers legalized recreational marijuana in 2021 for adults 21 and older. It grants them the right to possess up to 3 ounces of cannabis, or a small quantity of concentrated cannabis. The state also expunged non-violent criminal records related to cannabis in the past.

Licensees are allowed to open dispensaries on Long Island, but still need sign-off on any specific locations. Storefronts need to be approved and cannot have any neon or bright signs advertising any of their products, such as a giant marijuana leaf.

Each dispensary also needs to have darkened windows, or otherwise prevent the activity and products inside from being seen from outside. They also cannot be placed closer than 200 feet from any house of worship, and 55 feet from a school.

Each one must also be at least 4,000 feet apart from another, which will prevent a "Starbucks effect," with one on every corner, officials said.

Licensees can work with a social equity fund to find spaces in communities to open shop or find them independently. The Cannabis Control Board additionally approved one laboratory permit for Certainty Analytical Labs in Rochester, bringing that number up to 13.

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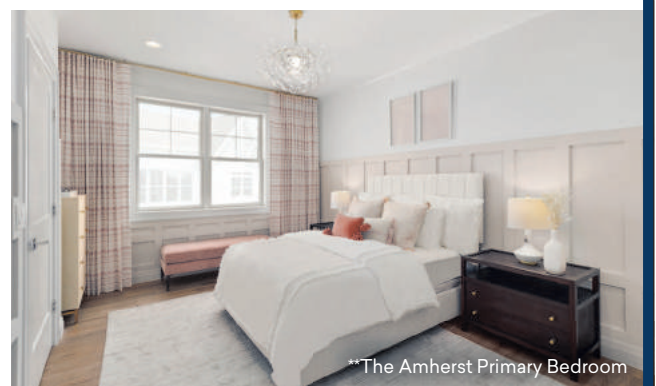
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LEGAL NOTICE  
RESOLUTION NO. 25, YEAR 2023  
RESOLVED, that the following is a listing of dates for the 2023/24 Board Meetings

to take place at	Village
Monday May 1, 2023	Conference
Monday May 8, 2023	Board Meeting
Monday June 5, 2023	Conference
Monday June 12, 2023	Board Meeting
Monday July 3, 2023	Conference
Monday July 10, 2023	Board Meeting
Monday August 7, 2023	Conference
Tuesday September 5, 2023	Conference
Monday September 11, 2023	Board Meeting
Monday October 2, 2023	Conference
Tuesday October 10, 2023	Board Meeting
Monday November 6, 2023	Conference
Monday November 13, 2023	Board Meeting
Monday December 4, 2023	Conference
Monday December 11, 2023	Board Meeting
Tuesday January 2, 2024	Conference
Monday January 8, 2024	Board Meeting
Monday February 5, 2024	Conference
Monday February 12, 2024	Board Meeting
Monday March 4, 2024	Conference
Monday March 11, 2024	Board Meeting
Monday April 1, 2024	Organizational Meeting

Note:Conference meetings are scheduled for 6:00 pm

Board Meetings are scheduled for 7:00 pm 138816

LEGAL NOTICE  
REFeree'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF NASSAU  
US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, INC., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-4, Plaintiff - against - LARRY BLUMSTEIN, et al Defendant(s).  
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on April 2, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction on the North Side steps of the Nassau County Supreme Court located at 100 Supreme Court Drive, Mineola, N.Y. 11501 "Rain or Shine" on the 25th day of April, 2023 at 3:00 PM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Incorporated Village of Sea Cliff, Town of Oyster Bay, County of Nassau and State of New York.  
Premises known as 1 Richardson Avenue, Sea Cliff, NY 11579. (Section: 21, Block: 222, Lot: 431)  
Approximate amount of lien \$624,040.05 plus interest and costs.  
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.  
Index No. 018968/2009. Malachy P. Lyons, Esq., Referee.  
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840

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Dated: March 1, 2023  
During the COVID-19 health emergency, bidders are required to comply with all governmental health requirements in effect at the time of sale including but not limited to, wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at least 6-feet apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing. Bidders are also required to comply with the Foreclosure Auction Rules and COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules issued by the Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale.  
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LEGAL NOTICE  
CITY OF GLEN COVE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Glen Cove Board of Zoning Appeals on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY. The hearing will be on the application of 145 Landing Road LLC for interior alterations to an existing non-conforming multifamily building at 145 Landing Road, Glen Cove, NY, located in the Glen Cove R-4 One & Two-Family Residential

District and designated on the Nassau County Land and Tax Map as Section 31, Block 2, Lot 484.  
The Applicant is requesting a variance of the following section of the Glen Cove City Code: 1. Glen Cove City Code §280-59 A - Applicant is proposing to construct kitchenettes within the five (5) single room occupancies (SRO); and the conversion of four (4) SRO units on the third floor into a single three (3) bedroom apartment. The proposed conversion results in a modified use not permitted under City of Glen Cove Code §280-59 code.  
Dated: BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
March 29, 2023  
OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE  
TERI MOSCHETTA, CHAIRPERSON  
138813  
LEGAL NOTICE  
CITY OF GLEN COVE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Glen Cove Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York, when all interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their views.  
The hearing will be on the application of Tamara Clark residing at 12 Francis Ct., Glen Cove NY, requesting Variances from Sections 280-58 D (3), 280-58 D (5) and 280-45 R (2) of the Glen Cove Zoning Code to convert an existing two car garage at the rear of the property into a home gym with full bathroom.  
The existing structure is non-compliant with side and rear yard setbacks along with sky exposure plane setback. Having an existing distance to the rear property line 0.3 ft (4") where three (3) ft is the minimum required; and existing distance to the side property line 1.3 ft (1'-4") where three (3) ft are required.  
The subject property is designated on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 23, Block 07, Lot 67 and located in the city's R-3A One Family Residence District.  
The above application is on file at the city offices located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY where it may be seen during regular business hours until the time of the hearing.  
Dated: BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE  
THERESA MOSCHETTA,

CHAIRPERSON  
138812  
LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE OF FILING WITH VILLAGE CLERK  
FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL  
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 516 of the Real Property Tax Law, that the 2023-2024 Final Assessment Roll for the Village of Sea Cliff, in the County of Nassau, has been completed by the undersigned Assessor, and a certified copy thereof has been filed in the office of the Village Clerk, where the same will remain for public inspection.  
Dated: April 7, 2023  
Bruce Kennedy  
Sea Cliff, NY  
Village Assessor  
138815  
LEGAL NOTICE  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Glen Cove City Council adopted the following Ordinance at the City Council Meeting of April 11, 2023:  
BE IT ORDAINED, that the City Council hereby amends Sec. 265-49 (Time Limit Parking) of the City of Glen Cove Code of Ordinance as it relates to Grove St.:  
Delete:  
Street: Grove Street  
Side: North  
Time Limit; Hours/Days: 1 hr.; All/All  
Location:  
From a point 38 feet west of Cedar Swamp Road to a point 138 feet west therefrom  
Add:  
Street: Grove Street  
Side: North  
Time Limit; Hours/Days: 2 hr.; All/All  
Location:  
From a point 38 feet west of Cedar Swamp Road to a point 138 feet west therefrom  
This Ordinance shall take effect 3 days after publication.  
Tina Pemberton  
City Clerk  
Tina Pemberton  
City Clerk  
138818  
LEGAL NOTICE  
CITY OF GLEN COVE PLANNING BOARD  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the City of Glen Cove Planning Board on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 7:30 p.m., at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York, when all interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their views.  
The hearing will be on the Application of Michael Carter for approval of a Minor Subdivision of a 17,893.80 square foot lot into one 9,996.13 square foot lot with an existing single-family dwelling and one 7,897.66 square foot vacant lot. The property is known as 23 Germaine St. located in the city's R-4 One-Two Family Residence District and designated on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 31, Block 42, Lot 17 .

# THE GREAT BOOK GURU

## Forgive us our trespasses

Dear Great Book Guru,  
*Sea Cliff is beautiful every month of the year but especially in April. The baseball fields are ready for opening day on April 22 with the parade set to lead off at 9 a.m. The parks are magnificent, the gardens are blooming and yes, I'm in search of a good book to read while I enjoy all this beauty. Any suggestions?*  
-Loving April in Sea Cliff

Dear Loving April in Sea Cliff,  
I just finished a wonderful, albeit troubling, first novel, "Trespasses," by Louise Kennedy. Set in Northern Ireland just outside of Belfast in the 1970's, the book is told from the viewpoint of Cushla, a 24 year old who teaches at a primary school during the

day and helps out at her family's pub at night.  
It is a terrible time in Ireland's history, known as "the Troubles," when Protestant and Irish forces brutally fought, and civilians were frequently the target. While she and her family try to avoid trouble, it finds Cushla in the person of Michael Agnew. A sophisticated fifty-year-old married Protestant lawyer, he defends Catholic men accused of insurrection unjustly. The two fall in love and soon Cushla's life is filled with intrigue and danger as she must decide where her loyalties lie. This is a book filled with moral dilemmas and readers will find themselves uncertain as to what is right or wrong. Highly recommended!

# HERALD PUBLIC NOTICES

The application is on file at the city offices located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY where it may be seen during regular business hours of the usual business days until the time of the hearing.  
Dated: March 29, 2023  
ANDREW KAUFMAN  
Chairman  
GLEN COVE PLANNING BOARD  
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LEGAL NOTICE  
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The hearing will be on the application of David Backus Jr, residing at 4 Beech Ct. Glen Cove, NY, requesting Variances from Sections 280-58 B (6); 280-58 B (10) and 280-58 B (12) of the Glen Cove Zoning code to construct a new two-story extension at the rear and East side of the dwelling with a garage at the first level. The property is an existing non-conforming lot where 6,500 sf is required, and 6,250 sf is existing. The construction will result in a side yard of 6.80 feet when 10 feet is required; total proposed lot coverage is 26.5% where maximum coverage is 25%; proposing F.A.R. of 3,111sq. ft. when 1,875 sq. ft. F.A.R. is allowed.  
The subject property is designated on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 31, Block 60, Lot 03 and located in the city's R-3A Single Family Residence District.  
The above application is on file at the city offices located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY where it may be seen during regular business hours of the usual business days until the time of the hearing.  
Dated: BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE  
THERESA MOSCHETTA, CHAIRPERSON  
138811

LEGAL NOTICE  
CITY OF GLEN COVE PLANNING BOARD  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the City of Glen Cove Planning Board on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 7:30 p.m., at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York, when all interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their views.  
The hearing will be on the application of Friends Academy seeking a special use permit and site plan approval for the construction of a new 19,000 square foot extension between the existing Kumar Wang library and fieldhouse to create a new Innovation Center with associated site improvements to include walkways, utilities, and drainage.  
The property is located at 270 Duck Pond Road, Locust Valley, NY designated on the Nassau County Land and Tax Map as Section 23, Block F, Lots 204, 709, 1737 & 1739 within the city's R-1 One-Acre Residence District  
The above application is on file at the city offices located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY where it may be seen during regular business hours of the usual business days until the time of the hearing.  
Dated: February 21, 2023  
ANDREW KAUFMAN  
Chairman  
GLEN COVE PLANNING BOARD  
138810

LEGAL NOTICE  
CITY OF GLEN COVE PLANNING BOARD  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the City of Glen Cove Planning Board on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 7:30 p.m., at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York 11542, when all interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their views.  
The hearing will be on the application of Friends Academy seeking a special use permit and site plan approval for the construction of a new 19,000 square foot extension between the existing Kumar Wang library and fieldhouse to create a new Innovation Center with associated site improvements to include walkways, utilities, and drainage.  
The property is located at 270 Duck Pond Road, Locust Valley, NY designated on the Nassau County Land and Tax Map as Section 23, Block F, Lots 204, 709, 1737 & 1739 within the city's R-1 One-Acre Residence District  
The above application is on file at the city offices located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY where it may be seen during regular business hours of the usual business days until the time of the hearing.  
Dated: February 21, 2023  
ANDREW KAUFMAN  
Chairman  
GLEN COVE PLANNING BOARD  
138810

SERIES 2007-OPT3, Plaintiff,  
Against  
WENDY SILAS, RUDOLPH SILAS, et al.  
Defendant(s)  
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 1/24/2023, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, on the North Side steps of the Nassau County Supreme Court located at 100 Supreme Court Drive, Mineola, N.Y. 11501. This Auction will be held rain or shine on 5/17/2023 at 2:00 PM, premises known as 11 Harbor Hill Road, Glen Cove, NY 11542 and described as follows:  
ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the City of Glen Cove, Town of Oyster Bay, County of Nassau and State of New York Section 21 Block 86 Lot 410  
The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$1,224,114.83 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 15-002891  
If proper social distancing cannot be maintained or there are other health or safety concerns, the then Court Appointed Referee will cancel the Foreclosure Auction.  
Shelly Eaton, Esq., Referee.  
McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC, 10 Midland Avenue, Suite 205, Port Chester, NY 10573 Dated: 3/20/2023 File Number: 14-307347 LD 138807  
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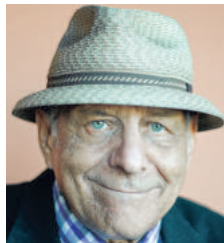
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## OPINIONS

# We're going back to the moon, and it's about time

**W**e're going back to the moon, or at least close to it, perhaps as soon as the fall of 2024.

We humans haven't been near the place since 1972, when those of us who were around at the time were all wrapped up in Watergate and the Vietnam War. In the years since, we have



**JAMES  
BERNSTEIN**

had numerous launches of the space shuttle, and we continue to send astronauts to the orbiting International Space Station.

But last week, NASA announced the names of the crew members who will fly the Artemis II mission in November

2024, a 10-day flight that, at this point, is planned to send the three men and one woman farther than any human has ever traveled. After circling the moon — but not touching down on it — the spacecraft will return to Earth.

All this will pave the way for Artemis III, expected to launch in December 2025. The astronauts of Artemis III are

slated to walk on the lunar surface, the first time anyone will have done so in 53 years. Artemis III, NASA hopes, will kick off an effort to establish a permanent lunar outpost that will allow astronauts to live and work on the moon.

And that lunar outpost is supposed to help lay the groundwork for an eventual trip to Mars.

Should we be excited? You bet, Andrew Parton, president of the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City, says. Museum officials are already thinking about some type of launch party to mark the Artemis II flight late next year. The museum, Parton said, might invite some astronauts, or other dignitaries, to the event. But a celebration of some kind is in the works.

America's space program has always operated in fits and starts. It does some extraordinary things, including landing people on the moon for the first time in 1969, and then repeating that feat several times, until the program ground to a halt in 1972, as public interest waned and congressional funding dried up.

Nothing space-worthy happened

after that until 1981, when the first space shuttle was launched. But the shuttle program ended in 2011, with the last flight of the shuttle Atlantis, after two disasters. In 1986, the shuttle Challenger exploded shortly after takeoff from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, killing all seven astronauts aboard, and in 2003, the shuttle Columbia disintegrated as it re-entered the atmosphere over Texas and Louisiana, killing seven more.

The first components of the International Space Station were launched in 1998, and sparked a great deal of interest. The ISS makes its way into the news every once in a while, when it is visible from Earth — or when students, as is the case now in Long Beach, are working on a science project that is to go aboard the station. But otherwise, it has become a ho-hum low-Earth-orbit presence.

Elon Musk and his SpaceX program generate interest, especially when he takes civilians into space, as he did for the first time in May 2020. But Musk has been getting mostly bad press lately

for the controversy that has surrounded his purchase of Twitter.

But here is a fresh start: NASA's Artemis II, whose crew includes a woman and a Canadian, signals that our space journey is on its way again. "It should get a whole new generation interested in space," Parton said.

"It's so much more than the four names that have been announced," Victor Glover, one of the crew members, said at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. "We need to celebrate this moment in history." Glover's crew mates are Christina Koch — a veteran of six space walks — Jeremy Hansen and Reid Wiseman.

Space is infinitely fascinating to so many, but alas, is the same old same old to many others. That, pretty much, is human nature. How much wonder is there anymore over how fast you can fly from New York to Tokyo?

We can hope that the eventual trip to Mars, and someday even beyond, will prove to be something else again, and ignite some passion for what is ultimately the destiny of humankind.

At least for a brief time.

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## Thoughts for a grandson on his 18th birthday

**F**orget everything I've said up until now.

Over these 18 years, as you graduated from binkys to big-boy pants to bicycles to four-wheel drives, the advice to young men turning 18 has changed. (It has also changed for young women.)

It used to begin with, "You're an adult now; you need to be thinking about work or college or military service." That pretty much isn't true anymore.



**RANDI  
KREISS**

The rollout to adulthood is different these days. And slower. The advice is less rigid because the path is less clear.

According to USA Today, some 47 percent of young adults live at home with one parent or two. For all of you turning 18, the pandemic interrupted your lives, inflation is making single-person dwellings unaffordable, the job market is completely weird, and college isn't necessary a launching pad to work but a time to continue growing up.

That said, the rite of passage is signifi-

cant, because this is your moment. Some day you may be telling children or grandchildren what it was like when you were 18. Today you begin to write that story.

Once the day dawns on your 18th birthday, the following are all the things you can do that you couldn't do the day before (legally, anyway). You can now, without parental permission:

Vote, join the military, buy a pet, get a body piercing or tattoo, change your name, book a hotel room, become a real estate agent, use a meat/deli slicer at a grocery store job, skydive, sign yourself out of high school, be called for jury duty, open a bank account, have sex legally with someone else over 18, get a Costco card, get married, buy a house, drive a taxi, get a license to drive a truck, go to the E.R. alone for treatment, file a lawsuit, adopt a child, create a will, buy a car, rent an apartment, rent an Airbnb, buy spray-paint, buy cough suppressants, or move out of your parents' home.

Knowing you, I'd be surprised if the first thing you did was run out to buy spray-paint, but I've lived long enough to

know that you never know. I imagine you won't be adopting a child. And it's most unlikely that you'll buy a house. You can move out of Dad's house legally, but why in heaven's name would you? Give up the morning strawberry smoothies? Pass up

the exotic stir-frys and the mahi-mahi your dad catches on a regular basis? You may be 18, but you aren't crazy!

Would you like to know what other 18-year-olds have done? No pressure, but Alexander the Great, who was born in 356 BCE, completed his studies with Aristotle at age 16 and ruled Macedonia. By 17 he had put down a revolt and founded the city of Alexandria. Life is different today, for sure, but people standing in the doorway of adulthood have few limitations on what they can accomplish.

Mark Zuckerberg was 19 when he founded Facebook, Wayne Gretsky was a professional hockey player at 19, Pele was 17 when he won the World Cup, and Malala Yousafzai won the Nobel Peace Prize when she was 17. These young people were outliers, of course. Most of us find satisfaction and peace of mind in

managing to live quite ordinary lives.

What we all have in common is the need for solid human connections and a determination to do our best in our time on earth.

You come from a clan of achievers who support one another in our interests and relationships and work. Not a bad launch pad.

I was a freshman in college when I was 18, and it was one of the most confusing times of my life. I had no idea what I wanted to do or how to do it. It was the first time, and not the last, that I sought counseling to help me figure out my path. Always ask for help when you need it.

You have the mixed blessing of no required set path, and I confess to being a bit envious. You will educate yourself, travel, enjoy friendships and explore relationships. There is no timetable. You can take any leap of faith that beckons to you. That must be so liberating, and scary.

What I know, as your grandma, is that you have a good heart, an athlete's determination and a sharp mind. Happy, happy birthday. Enjoy being 18, and don't go adopting any children or buying any houses, at least until you're 19.

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# HERALD EDITORIAL

## Losing a hero way too soon

She always had the brightest smile in the room. She was always ready to offer a hand to anyone who needed it — whether it be for comfort, or simply for their own smile.

That's how friends and colleagues described Susan Giovanniello, a volunteer EMT with Glen Cove Emergency Medical Services, who had a medical emergency of her own and died after a shift last week. While it's tragic when we lose anyone who worked to make the world a better place, Susan's passing was even harder, as she was just 19 years old.

"Susan, with her contagious smile and demeanor, put forth calm in stressful situations," Glen Cove EMS said afterward. "Her enthusiasm for training and teamwork with the corps will be greatly missed. She is a hero, and will live on in our hearts forever."

It was no accident that Susan was doing exactly what she loved at such a young age. She was part of the Glen Cove EMS Explorers from a young age — a program started through the Boy Scouts of America that provides opportunities for young men and women to explore poten-

tial careers in a number of fields, like those of first responders.

There are now more than 5,000 posts across the country serving more than 100,000 teenagers. Teenagers just like Susan Giovanniello.

We all have busy lives, so we don't think about the importance of first responders much until we, or someone we love, needs them most. A single EMS responder can head out on dozens of calls on a single shift, and save more lives in a day than many of us could in a lifetime.

We might not think of EMS workers putting their health and safety on the line, as do, say, police officers or firefighters. But they do. According to Lexipol's EMS1, Giovanniello was the eighth first responder to die in the line of duty this year.

There was Chad Tate, a firefighter in Sequim, Washington, who was found dead in his bunk. Ethan Quillen, who died after coming into contact with a live power line in Paw Paw, Michigan. Tiquita Miles, who was killed in a collision between her ambulance and an SUV in Atlanta.

Minton "Butch" Beach died from an apparent heart attack during training in

Oak City, North Carolina. Eddie Hykel was struck by a car in West, Texas. Matthew Madigan was also struck and killed by a car, in Detroit. Jay Miles, a firefighter and EMT, suffered a stroke while loading a patient in Pennsburg, Pennsylvania.

Even since Giovanniello's death, we've lost yet another one of these heroes: veteran Chicago firefighter Jan Tchoryk, who died after climbing 11 stories in a tower that was on fire.

These are people we never met, and likely never heard of while they were alive. But that's what makes them heroes. They weren't wearing fancy spandex or going by some eye-catching moniker. They were everyday people, like all of us, who simply wanted to leave the world a little better than they found it.

That's exactly who Susan Giovanniello was. If you didn't know her name before last week, that was perfectly fine. It was never about recognition for Susan — it was simply about being there when a perfect stranger needed her most. Offering the brightest smile in the room. Ready to offer a hand to anyone who needed it.

Susan Giovanniello was a hero. A hero we lost way too soon.

## LETTERS

### Enough about Santos already

To the Editor:

While I am not and will never be a supporter or someone who cares for George Santos, and truly wish he was not our representative in Congress, I must say that the Herald's weekly Santos update is fast becoming overkill and, quite frankly, a snooze-inducing waste of ink.

I think most, if not all, Santos constituents will agree that his election was a mistake, and he represents the very worst of politics. That being said, what, exactly is the purpose of the weekly update? To continue to hammer your readers over the head with Santos negativity has become tiresome and redundant and smacks of a political hatchet job by the Herald and the reporters who continue to cover him. We get it by now: He is not worthy of his constituents. Thank you.

I would think by now, most Herald readers are very much aware of Santos' extremely public shortcomings, professionally and personally. Save the updates for election time, when his fate will be determined at the ballot box. Until then, in the interest of making sure your readers aren't bored senseless, please report on *all* of our representatives and how they are performing for us.

KEVIN J. MCLAUGHLIN  
East Norwich

### There Randi goes again

To the Editor:

In her column "Writers will tell the story of our



times" (March 9-15), Randi Kreiss referenced Arthur Miller's "The Crucible," which, as she put it, "speaks to the currents of evil that can sweep away an entire community." She has no trouble at all vilifying DeSantis, Trump, and Marjorie Taylor Greene in this regard.

However, she conveniently omits Joe Biden and the destruction his administration has wrought on the entire country: a border crisis, rising crime, rampant inflation, supply chain disruptions, high gas and food prices, Covid mandates, no more

energy independence, massive federal spending, banks collapsing, instability overseas — need I go on?

With the country currently circling the drain, Ms. Kreiss has successfully demonstrated once again that her irrational hatred for Donald Trump and conservatives takes precedence over current reality.

PAUL TUTHILL  
Glen Cove

## OPINIONS

# With Trump's indictment, we cross a dangerous line

I have ridden through New York City in presidential motorcades with Presidents George W. Bush and Donald Trump. Looking out the window of the presidential limousine, I would wonder what was going through the minds of the onlookers lining the sidewalks, or the drivers and passengers in the cars and buses frozen in place as our endless stream of official vehicles made its way through the city streets.



**PETER KING**

A week and a half ago — on Monday, April 3, shortly before 4 p.m. — I found out. I was driving down Second Avenue in Manhattan, approaching 55th Street, when

a New York Police Department officer climbed off his motorcycle, which had been traveling west, its lights flashing red, and halted all traffic just as I was about to cross 55th Street.

My first reaction was the thought, wrong place, wrong time. I was already running late for a WABC radio pre-show meeting at Third Avenue and 49th Street. But as I saw the long line of vehicles passing in front of me — the black SUVs, the marked NYPD cars, the unmarked heavy-weapons Secret Service truck and the New York City Fire Department emergency vehicle — escorting former President Trump from LaGuardia Airport to Trump Tower, at Fifth Avenue and 56th Street, I realized that I was witnessing a moment in history. A sad moment, with lasting consequences not just for New York, but also for the United States and the world. Minutes later, as I walked from the parking garage on 48th Street and looked up at the NYPD helicopters whirring in the sky above the city's giant skyscrapers, my sadness and concern heightened.

The first criminal indictment of a former president of the United States

crosses a line our nation has never before crossed — indeed, it is a 21st-century crossing of the Rubicon. I say this not as a supporter of Trump. Though I worked closely with him when he was president and saw firsthand his accomplishment in crushing the MS-13 gang here on Long Island, I am not supporting his current presidential run. This is not, and should not be, a partisan political issue. It should be of concern to all, especially to those who otherwise proclaim their fear that democracy is at risk, but are now supporting or silently enabling this indictment.

Politicizing criminal justice and criminalizing political opponents cannot be tolerated in a democratic society. Because I believe this so strongly, I was one of only two Republicans who voted against President Bill Clinton's impeachment when I was in Congress. The false argument being used by Manhattan District Attorney

Alvin Bragg is that no one is above the law. That is a truism not bearing on this case or this indictment.

If Trump were to shoot someone in the middle of Fifth Avenue, he should be indicted and prosecuted. But to indict him on a state misdemeanor charge whose statute of limitations has expired, and elevating it to a felony by attaching it to a federal election law on grounds that the Federal Election Commission has ruled do not constitute a crime, proves my good friend Judge Sol Wachtler's dictum that a grand jury can indict a ham sandwich.

This is setting a harmful precedent for our republic. Do we want local district attorneys in red states going through convoluted contortions to indict and prosecute members of President Biden's family? Donald Trump may not be the most sympathetic victim, but this indictment extends beyond him. It is the American justice system that is being put at risk — and that threatens us all.

*Peter King is a former congressman, and a former chair of the House Committee on Homeland Security.*

I was one of only two Republicans who voted not to impeach Bill Clinton.

## LETTERS

## Make Nassau County carbon-neutral by 2035

To the Editor:

I begin with a reminder about something that we too often forget here in Nassau County: that all 1.3 million of us live on an island.

And while living on this island, our exposure to climate change is a constant threat to our homes, our communities, our infrastructure, our drinking water, and our collective safety. In fact, Long Island ranks fourth among major population centers for its exposure to the physical and economic risks of climate change.

Reports show that we are especially vulnerable to warming temperatures, extreme weather, sea level rise and "water stress" from our reliance on a sole-source aquifer. This underscores the need for collective urgency, and how the actions we take now will help protect Long Island for generations to come.

This view is not hyperbolic. Once-in-a-generation storms that once happened every century are happening every month. Recently, 26 people died in an extreme tornado in Mississippi. Thirty-seven people died this winter from extreme storms in Buffalo. And we can't forget Hurricane Sandy, in which 44 New Yorkers lost their lives and 69,000 people suffered property damage.

Local governments are on the front line of this crisis, and we have the opportunity to transform our commu-

nities and make them healthier and more sustainable. That's why I've introduced legislation to make county government operations carbon-neutral by 2035. The state has already set a timeline of 2050, and there's no reason Nassau shouldn't be ambitious in leading the way.

To be absolutely clear, my proposal relates strictly to county government and our municipal operations. So, while it would not establish new mandates for individual homeowners, all Nassau residents would be the beneficiaries of a cleaner environment.

Whether it's improving the quality of our air, drinking water, beaches, buildings, or parks and preserves, we all benefit from a greener Nassau. And of equal importance, this bill would make the county "climate smart," ensuring that state and federal grants offset the costs of these improvements so we don't have to add a single dollar in taxes. In fact, going green would actually save taxpayers money by making our operations more efficient.

A bipartisan group of mayors representing 130 American cities have joined the initiative Cities Race to Zero to move toward a zero-emissions future. I'm calling on County Executive Bruce Blakeman and my Republican and Democratic colleagues in the Legislature to join them by passing this bill and making Nassau County the 131st participant. We don't have any time to waste.

JOSHUA A. LAFAZAN  
Woodbury

*Nassau County legislator, 18th District*

## FRAMEWORK by Tim Baker



A wooden ursine sentry outside a home on Third Street — Glen Cove



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